

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 22**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Hueso**

February 17, 2011

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 22—Relative to California School Bullying Prevention Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 22, as introduced, Hueso. California School Bullying Prevention Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the second week of March 2011 to be California School Bullying Prevention Awareness Week, and urge that the issue of bullying, and methods of preventing it, be discussed in California schools during this time.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, School bullying has become an increasingly  
2 significant problem in the United States and California; and  
3 WHEREAS, Almost 35 percent of youth in the United States  
4 are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully  
5 or a victim; and  
6 WHEREAS, An estimated 8 percent of pupils in kindergarten  
7 through grade 12 miss at least one day of school every month due  
8 to a fear of being bullied; and  
9 WHEREAS, Bullying can take many forms, including verbal,  
10 physical, and psychological forms, and can happen in many places  
11 on and off school grounds; and  
12 WHEREAS, Bullying through electronic means is a serious and  
13 growing concern; and

1 WHEREAS, Bullying is a public health problem that leads to  
2 depression and low self-esteem well into adulthood, and the bullies  
3 themselves engage in criminal behavior later in life at higher rates;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Bullying begins in the elementary grades, peaks  
6 in grades 6 through 8, and persists into high school; and

7 WHEREAS, It is important for California pupils, parents, school  
8 staff, and school administrators to be aware of bullying, to  
9 encourage discussion of the problem as a school community, and  
10 to engage in prevention and education; and

11 WHEREAS, The State Department of Education adopted in  
12 2001 a policy on bullying prevention designed to encourage  
13 positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors in California  
14 schools; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the second week  
17 of March 2011 to be California School Bullying Prevention  
18 Awareness Week, and urges that the issue of bullying, and methods  
19 of preventing it, be discussed a minimum of one class period each  
20 day, or a minimum of five hours, in California schools during this  
21 time; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
23 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.